



COMMITTEE TO
END HOMELESSNESS
KING COUNTY

Homeless YYA Advisory Group



**1/7/2014 | 9AM –NOON | 2100 BUILDING |
ADVANCE, GUIDE AND MONITOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE COMPREHENSIVE YYA PLAN**

Meeting Objectives



- Discuss and affirm decision making authority of the YYA Advisory Group
- Understand Initiative progress to date and next steps
- Offer input around how to prepare for the YYA Plan update
- Community overview and discussion of
 - Youth Housing Connection and
 - Community Sign In



Group Maintenance

- Establish co-chairs
- Confirm 2014 meeting schedule
- Clarity around extended “Advisory Community” meetings

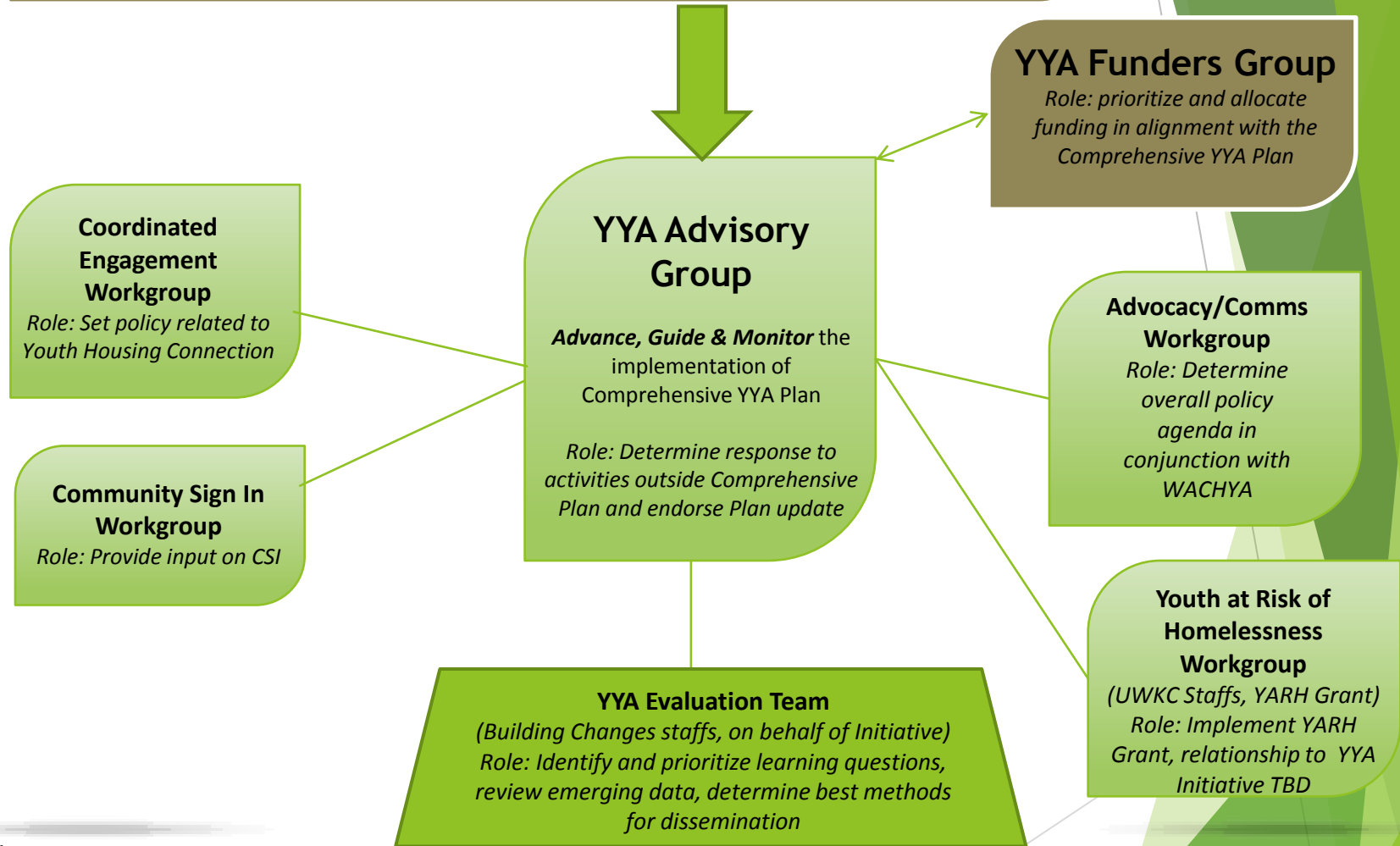
Authority of YYA Advisory Group



- The key anticipated tasks for this committee over the next 18 months are:
 - Review data collected by Evaluation Team
 - Act as a liaison of the Youth/Young Adult Homelessness Initiative
 - Support the alignment of community efforts
 - Develop recommendations for improvements and course corrections to be included in the Comprehensive Plan Update

CEH Advisory Bodies: Governing Board, Interagency Council, CEH Funders, CAC

Role: Guide and affirm YYA priorities in alignment with the broader goal of ending homelessness among all populations. Secure, prioritize and allocate funding in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and balanced with other 10YP Investment Priorities



Homeless YYA Initiative Leadership & Workgroups | Nov 2013 - April 2015

Current as of 12/31/2013

Authority of YYA Advisory Group (cont'd)



This committee will make decisions by 2/3 majority in the following areas:

- Determine response to activities and opportunities that are outside the scope of Comprehensive YYA Plan; and
- Endorse Comprehensive Plan Update.

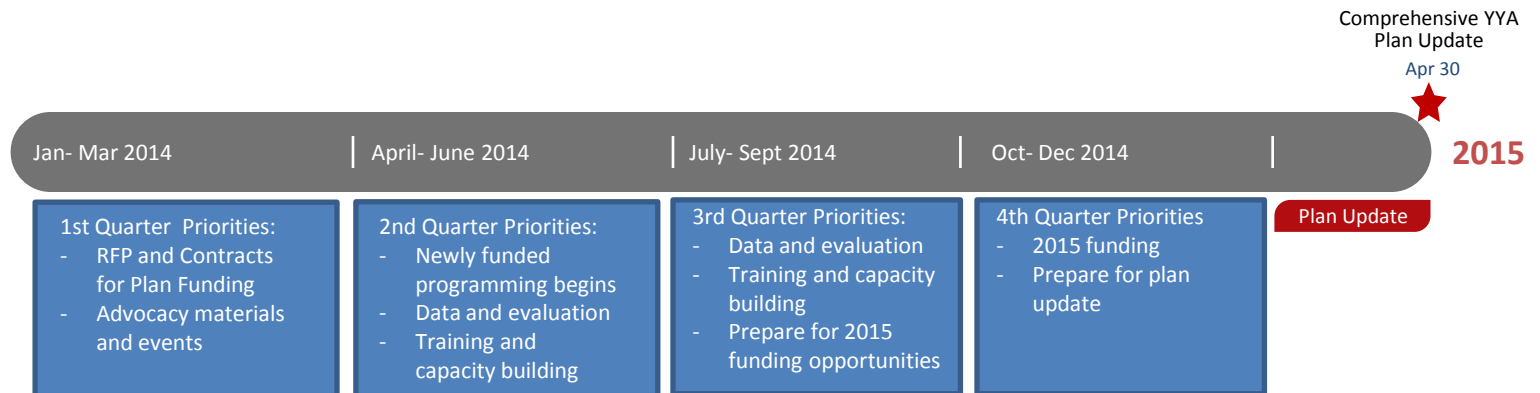
Also Included: Review data collected by Evaluation Team to monitor progress on Plan benchmarks and indicators. Use data from Evaluation Team to inform recommendations in all areas.

YYA Initiative Staff Reporting



- 2014 Overview
- YYA Initiative Dashboard
- CEH Update

Homeless YYA Initiative 2014 Overview



YYA Initiative – What to Expect Jan/Feb 2014



- **Funding**
 - RFP for education/ employment, family reunification, housing stability
 - Contracts for direct funding in King County & Seattle budgets
- **Capacity building/ training**
 - Provider survey- family reunification work (UWKC)
 - LGBTQ convening, January 22
 - Fair Housing provider training, January 30
- **Evaluation & Learning**
 - Evaluation Team in high gear
 - Count Us In, January 23-24
 - Launch Outreach Learning Lab
- **Communications/Advocacy**
 - Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, Jan 28
 - Youth Advocacy Day, Feb 14
 - New communications materials

Homeless YYA Comprehensive Plan: **Recommended Priority Activities**

Progress Dashboard- *updated December 31, 2013*

Family reunification intervention

- **Accomplished:** King County Council funding included \$150,000 to support family reconciliation activities and \$150,000 to maintain Project Safe.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Address system disproportionality

- **Accomplished:** Private funding secured to build provider capacity to serve LGBTQ youth.
- **Next Steps:** LGBTQ provider-funder convening January 2014; training to follow. Identify resource and training needs re: disproportionality for youth of color; provide training. Develop and Evaluation Team review of more detailed data related to program outcomes for youth of color and LGBTQ youth (approximately April 2014).

Shelter for 18 to 25 year olds in South King County

- **Accomplished:** \$120,000 secured for 6 shelter beds to be operated by Auburn Youth Resources. Contract in place between UWKC and AYR. Contract in process between King County and AYR.
- **Next Steps:** Beds are anticipated available January 2014. Explore resources for construction which would expand capacity to 12.

Low barrier housing

- **Accomplished:** 2013 Awards of capitol funding for homeless housing included twenty units of housing for homeless young adults in Kirkland, with ten units explicitly for high needs young adults (Friends of Youth) and construction of twenty-four micro-units of housing for high needs homeless young adults in Auburn (Valley Cities).
- **Next Steps:** Projects under construction.

Clear path to employment, including education, particularly for YYA under 18

- **Accomplished:** \$250k secured for education and employment activities.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Housing stability team

- **Accomplished:** King County Council funding included \$130,000 for housing stability.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Rental assistance with supports

- **Accomplished:** \$280,000 annually over two years secured for rental assistance with supports.
- **Next Steps:** Program has launched and is accepting referrals through Youth Housing Connection.

Homeless YYA Comprehensive Plan: **Recommended Priority Activities**

Progress Dashboard- *updated December 31, 2013*

Capacity building to support family reunification

- *Accomplished:*
- *Next Steps:* Survey providers re: current family reconciliation activities (January 2014), identify training needs (February 2014), training for providers (spring 2014).

Explicit focus on disproportionality

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Prevent exits to homelessness for youth in care

- *Accomplished:* HHS Youth at Risk of Homelessness (YARH) grant funded and planning team convened.
- *Next Steps:* Through YARH grant, conduct data analysis re: youth exiting foster care to homelessness. Convene workgroups to develop service and administrative recommendations.

Strengthen data and evaluation

- *Accomplished:* Convened evaluation team, began data collection through YHC (July 2013) and CSI (November 2013), planning underway for outreach learning lab.
- *Next Steps:* Review proposed workplan with Evaluation Team and begin work on priority evaluation and learning activities. Determine where additional evaluation resources are necessary.

Align and cultivate funding to improve indiv. outcomes and system impacts

- *Accomplished:* Plan fully funded by King County Council, City of Seattle, and private funders. Additional resources secured to maintain foundational funding for critical survival services, outreach and shelter.
- *Next Steps:* Continued work of YYA funders group, with efforts to align reporting and outcomes requirements.

Coordinated engagement

- *Accomplished:* Youth Housing Connection (YHC) launched July 2013. Provider workgroup convenes regularly to discuss policy and operational issues. Community Sign In (CSI) launched November 2013. Regular training and troubleshooting sessions are held.
- *Next Steps:* Ongoing support for YHC and CSI. Initial data available approximately March 2014.



Discussion

- Offer input on how to prepare for the Comprehensive YYA Plan Update, Spring 2015.



CEH Update

- Mark Putnam
 - Committee to End Homelessness
Director

Update on CEH, including closer alignment of Family and YYA Initiatives under the CEH

Community Presentation: Youth Housing Connection & Community Sign In



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Context: YHC & CSI



- Coordinated Engagement will direct young people's access to housing by coordinating their applications, applying a common strengths-based assessment, and placing them in programs that have worked for other young people like them.
- Community Sign In will divert YYA from homeless services when possible through family reunification, promote consistent data collection on YYA homelessness, and obtain a more comprehensive number of YYA who are using our continuum.



YOUTH HOUSING CONNECTION

Jerred Clouse
Program Supervisor



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Overview

- Launched July 15, 2013
- Assessments are offered at 11 youth serving agencies throughout King County
- Utilizes both scheduled and drop-in assessment times
- Referring to 25 participating housing programs

System Impact of YHC

- Consolidated waitlists county-wide into a single housing roster.
- Created a single access point for housing resources
- Comprehensive look at young adult housing needs in King County
- Fair Housing emphasis

Key Differences Between YHC & FHC

- Drop-in assessments at locations where services are already accessed
- Prioritized based on vulnerability score
- Shelter is not accessed through YHC
- Young adults remain on the placement roster after they've occupied a resource
 - Mobility option available in YHC
- Internal fill policy

Lessons Learned From Family Housing Connection

- Fair Housing guidance
- Assessment and Referral Database
- Program infrastructure and staffing needs
- Importance of getting provider ROI's at time of assessment
- Better understanding of roster timelines
- Outreach and relationship building pre-launch to set expectations

Referrals

- Young adults have 24 hours to respond
- Prioritization based on vulnerability score
 - Young adults with fewer resources are first to be referred
- Internal fill policy after 14 days of availability
- Focus on increasing YHC referral resources

Mobility

- Life skills not assessed during assessment
- Limited regional options for location based requests
- Additional mobility resources becoming available

Assessment and Referral Data

As of 1/6/2014:

- 554 YHC assessments provided
- 50 young adults moved into housing
- 466 young adults on housing roster (includes currently housed mobility requests)
- 36 young adults found stable housing outside of YHC and were removed from roster
- Language accommodation requested:
 - 4 Spanish assessments covered in-house
 - 2 American Sign Language
- No YHC assessments scheduled through 2-1-1

Successes

- 50 young adults moved into housing programs
- Partner feedback and collaboration
 - YHC Work Group
 - Young adult feedback
- FHC and YHC staff cross-trained in both programs
- Unduplicated county-wide data
- Raising awareness of level of need

Challenges

- Connecting young adults to programs that meet their specific needs
- Mobility – engaging current residents who accessed housing before YHC launch
- Communication – user portal in development

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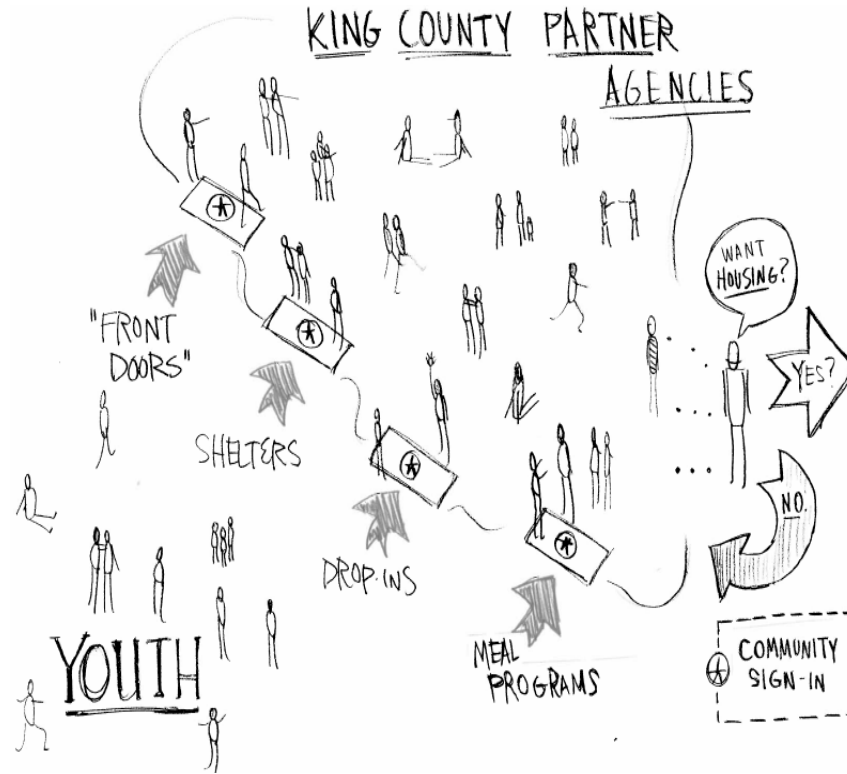
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Discussion

Youth Housing
Connection

Community Sign In





Next YYA Advisory
Group Meeting:

March 4th, 2014

9am – 11am

Location TBD

Updates:

- Homeless YYA Advocacy investment
- Outreach Learning Lab
- Development of messaging & communications materials
- RFP related to YYA Comprehensive Plan Priority Activities
- YARH Grant
- Count Us In